2002 GAME RECAPS

Georgia 30 CLEMSON 0 - CU's first shutout loss since '98. UGA got a 56 yd TD pass and after rec'ing a fmbl at the CU 44, settled for a 34 yd FG. After rec'ing a fumble, UGA dropped a TD pass and settled for a 30 yd FG to lead 13-0. CU was at the UGA 2 but on 4th & 1 ran a WR pass and it was lofted too high and the UGA DL ran into QB Whitehurst but pass interference was not called. CU missed a 52 yd FG with 1:27 left in the half. UGA drove 78 yds in 14 plays to open the 3Q but were stopped on 4th & goal at the 2. UGA got a 42 yd FG on their next poss and early 4Q CU drove 45 yds in 15 plays eating up 7:48 but were int'd after having a 1st & goal at the 3. UGA ret'd the int to the 40 and drove 60 yds in 6 plays for a TD with 5:53 left. UGA added a 61 yd drive for a TD with 2:47 left.

CLEMSON 28 Furman 17 - CU drove 85 yds in 14 plays for a TD on its first drive and got a 72 yd TD pass on its 2nd drive and led 14-0 after 1Q. FU drove 53 yds for a TD mid 2Q but CU got a 17 yd fmbl ret for a TD with 4:58 left in half. CU drove 55 yds for a TD which came after an OL caught a deflected pass, fmbl'd it and the TB picked it up and ran it for the score with :41 left in the half, 28-7. CU missed a 38 yd FG and was int'd in the 3Q. FU drove 66 yds in 12 plays for a TD with 12:10 left and after an 8 yd punt by CU, FU added a 40 yd FG, 28-17.

CLEMSON 37 Middle Tennessee St 14 - CU drove 80 yds for a TD, 6-0 (xp blk'd). MT drove to the CU 28 but lost 13 yds and punted and CU then drove 88 yds for a TD, 13-0 early 2Q. They teams exchanged long TD drives and then CU drove 73 yds for a TD with :46 left in the half, 27-7. CU extended it in the 3Q with an 80 yd drive for a TD. MT drove 78 yds for a TD with 14:03 left, 34-14. CU drove 56 yds for a 42 yd FG, 37-14. MST was int'd at the CU 1 and ended the game at the CU 42.

Clemson 39 GEORGIA TECH 3 - CU got a 23 yd FG with 1:07 left 1Q and after an int drove 57 yds for a TD and added a 69 yd TD drive. GT missed a 36 yd FG and hit a 20 yd FG with just :41 left in the half. That allowed CU enough time for 22 and 33 yd passes, the latter for a TD, 23-3. GT QB Ball was sk'd for a 3Q safety. CU got a 74 yd drive for a TD with 8:49 left and then after a fumble on the KO drove 35 yds for another TD with just 3:57 left. GT got to the CU 3 but was SOD.

MARYLAND 21 Clemson 7 - CU missed a 48 yd FG and MD drove 68 & 44 yds for TD's on their first 2 poss to lead 14-0. CU got a 70 yd TD pass with 2:33 left in the half and MD missed a 48 yd FG on the final play of the half and MD only led 14-7 despite a 12-6 FD edge and 186-119 yd edge. In the 3Q MD got a 69 yd TD pass with 2:43 left, 21-7. CU was SOD at the MD 21 and int'd at the MD 34. CU took over with 4:29 left and drove 62 yds but were int'd with :16 left & MD ran out the clock.

CLEMSON 30 Virginia 27 (OT) - QB Whitehurst was supposed to be a game time decision but played the entire game and played well. CU dominated the 1H with a 272-89 yd edge and 14-3 FD edge but did miss a 27 yd FG and led just 10-0 at the half. UVA dominated the 3Q with 60, 35 and 82 yd scoring drives with 2 TD's & a 26 yd FG, 17-10. CU tied it with 8:41 left in the 4Q. CU drove 74 yds for a TD with 3:20 left. UVA tied it with :57 left to send it to OT. UVA got a FG in OT and CU a TD to win.

NC STATE 17 Clemson 15 - CU was SOD at the NCST 33 and the Wolfpack went on a 13 play drive for a TD to lead 7-0 after 1Q. CU went on a 15 play 56 yd drive kept alive by roughing the P pen but settled for a 28 yd FG. NCSt fmbl'd at the CU 34 & CU settled for a 34 yd FG before the half and trailed 7-6. In the 3Q NCSt got a 37 yd TD pass to lead 14-6. Two poss later NCSt went 79 yds in 14 plays but settled for a 27 yd FG, 17-6. CU drove 71 yds in 13 plays but settled for a 21 yd FG, 17-9. CU drove 65 yds in 6 plays for a TD with 6:01 left (2 pt ng). CU was int'd at the NCSt 44 & NCS ran out the clock.

CLEMSON 36 N Carolina 28 - Missed opportunities hurt NC as they were int'd at CU's 10 and 3 yd lines in the 1H and they trailed 16-14. In the 2H NC led 28-23 before giving up 100 yd KO return for a TD. CU added FG's of 27 and 23 yds to lead 36-28 with 3:10 left. NC drove and had a 2nd & 4 at the 16 and Durant appeared headed for a TD, but fmbl'd at the footline and CU rec'd in the EZ for a TB with :41 left.

WAKE FOREST 45 Clemson 17 - TO's did CU in. WF drove 80 yds for a TD and CU was SOD. WF drove 67 yds for a TD. CU drove 58 yds in 11 plays, but was int'd & WF ret'd it 85 yds for a TD, 21-0. CU punted from the WF 36 and WF drove 98 yds in 13 plays for a TD with 1:17 left and then forced a fmbl and ret'd it 12 yds for a TD. CU got to the WF 22 but fmbl'd and despite a 263-229 yd edge, CU trailed 35-0. WF got a 37 yd FG and then drove 59 yds for a TD, 45-0. CU settled for a 21 yd FG and then drove 51 yds for a TD, 45-10. CU drove 53 yds for a TD.

CLEMSON 26 Florida St 10 - CU got its first win over FSU since 1989 in the an ESPN night game and the fans stormed the field afterwards. CU controlled the game holding the ball for 36:28. CU went on a 65 yd 11 play drive but settled for a 23 yd FG and after an FSU int CU went 54 yds in 13 plays settling for a 35 yd FG. CU was int'd at the FSU 1 with 4:37 left in the half, but drove 65 yds in 8 plays for a TD with :15 left, 13-0. FSU missed a 40 yd FG early 3Q and CU settled for a 32 yd FG after a 63 yd 11 play drive. FSU got a 46 yd FG but CU iced it with a 58 yd TD pass with 1:23 left in the 3Q. FSU was int'd and fmbl'd and CU then got a 37 yd FG with 8:29 left. Walker came in at QB for FSU. They were SOD and then got a 71 yd TD pass with just 2:14 left.

CLEMSON 40 Duke 7 - CU dominated driving 80 yds for a TD and after Duke fmbl'd the KO got a 1 play 25 yd TD pass, 14-0. CU missed a 27 yd FG after an int but got a 44 yd FG after a 20 yd punt, 17-0. CU added a 48 yd drive for a TD and were int'd in the EZ with :15 left in the half, 24-0. CU drove 77 yds in 13 plays for a 20 yd FG and then got a 63 yd PR for a TD, 34-0. Duke was int'd in the EZ but then got a 25 yd TD drive after a fmbl early 4Q. CU was int'd in the EZ and drove 60 yds for a TD with 3:43 left to close the scoring and had a 486-174 yd edge.

Clemson 63 S CAROLINA 17 - CU went 41 yds in 6 plays for a TD then 61 yds in 4 plays and 76 yds in 5 plays with TD's of 36, 28 and 39 yds to wide open receivers and quickly led 21-0. SC went on an 90 yd 9 play drive but settled for a 26 yd FG and then drove 80 yds in 9 plays for a TD, 21-10 with 7:15 left in the half. CU drove 69 yds for a TD. CU drove 74 yds for a TD with :12 left, 35-10. CU got a 9 yd TD drive after a SC fmbl to expand the lead and went on to score the most pts in their 101 game series including a 33 yd TD run by backup QB Stuckey.